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United Republic of Tanzania*: draft resolution

International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development adopted at Cairo, in particular chapter X on international migration,[1] and the relevant provisions contained in the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development[2] and the Programme of Action of the

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[2] Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995 (United Nations publication, Sales No. 3.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

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World Summit for Social Development[1] and in the Platform for Action[2] adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women,

Recalling also its resolutions 50/123 of 20 December 1995 on international migration and development and 49/127 of 19 December 1994, as well as Economic and Social Council decision 1995/313 of 27 July 1995,

Recalling also, that the Economic and Social Council, in the context of its role under the Charter of the United Nations vis-à-vis the General Assembly and in accordance with Assembly resolutions 45/264 of 13 May 1991, 46/235 of 13 April 1992, 48/162 of 20 December 1994 and 50/227 of 24 May 1996, should assist the Assembly in promoting an integrated approach to the implementation of the Programme of Action in providing system-wide coordination and guidance in monitoring the implementation,

Recalling that the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council should carry out their respective responsibilities, as entrusted to them in the Charter, in the formulation of policies and the provision of guidance to and coordination of United Nations activities in the field of population and development,

Recognizing the importance from an analytical and operational point of view of identifying the existing linkages among the social, economic, political and cultural factors related to international migration and development, and of taking appropriate steps to intensify the analysis of issues involved,

Noting particularly the lack of migration data, the absence of a coherent theory to explain international migration and the very weak understanding of the complex interrelationships between migration and development,[3]

Noting particularly that the role of relevant United Nations organizations that address migration issues should be strengthened so that they can deliver adequate technical support to developing countries to ensure that migration contributes to development,

Noting the critical role of the existing forums within the United Nations system in addressing the issues of international migration and development, including through the Commission on Population and Development, the Commission on Human Rights, the Committee for Development Planning, and the International Labour Organization,

Recalling its resolution 51/148 of 13 December 1996 on cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration, in particular its request to the Secretary-General to foster systematic

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[1] Ibid., annex II.

[2] Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[3] See E/CN.9/1997/2, para. 11.

consultations on matters of common interest, in consultation with the Director-General of the International Organization for Migration,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on international migration and development;[1]

2. Calls upon the international community to seek to make the option of remaining in one's country viable for all people; to that end, efforts to achieve sustainable economic and social development, ensuring a better economic balance between developed and developing countries, should be strengthened;

3. Encourages, where relevant, interregional, regional and subregional mechanisms that will address the question of international migration and development;

4. Urges Member States and the United Nations system to strengthen international cooperation in the area of international migration and development in order to address the root causes of migration, especially those related to poverty, and to maximize the benefits of international migration to those concerned;

5. Calls upon all relevant organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental, regional and subregional organizations, within their continuing activities, to address the issue of international migration and development and to provide appropriate support for interregional, regional and subregional processes and activities on international migration and development;

6. Notes that a technical symposium on international migration will be convened in 1998 and, in that regard, requests the Commission on Population and Development to report to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on the outcome of the symposium;

7. Requests the Committee for Development Planning to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1999, on the results of its examination in 1998 of the issue of migration and development;

8. Encourages the Administrative Committee on Coordination to report to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council on its work in addressing the issue of international migration and development from cross-sectoral, interregional, regional and subregional points of view;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session a report that takes into account the views of Member States, the International Organization for Migration, the International Labour Organization and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system, as well as relevant organizations outside the United Nations system, recommending ways and means to address the problems related to migration and development,

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[1] A/52/314.

including the possibility of convening an international conference on international migration and development;

10. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues".